

The 80's: So You Want To Be A Yuppie?

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"Those who heard this asked, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with men is possible with God.' Peter said to him, 'We have left all we had to follow you!' 'I tell you the truth,' Jesus said to them, 'no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life.'" (Luke 18:26-30, NIV)

I) THE STORY OF A YUPPIE AND HIS TOYS

"A certain ruler asked him, 'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'" 'All these I have kept since I was a boy,' he said."

"When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.'" (Luke 18:18-25, NIV)

***Three Observations:**

- 1) Money and material possessions can be **___DECEPTIVE___**.
- 2) Sometimes we don't **___OWN___** our stuff; it **___OWNS___** us.
- 3) How we spend money has **___ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES___**.

***One Essential For Satisfaction:**

Put God **___FIRST___** in all your financial decisions.

II) EXAMINING OUR FINANCIAL PRIORITIES

Three Heart Checks

(from 1 Timothy 6)

1) Character: CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL MOTIVATIONS.

"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction... But you, man of God, flee from all this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness." (1 Timothy 6:9 & 11, NIV)

2) Contentment: COUNT YOUR FINANCIAL BLESSINGS.

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that." (1 Timothy 6:6-8, NIV)

3) Caution: CHRIST-CENTER YOUR FINANCIAL TRUST.

"Tell those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone. But their trust should be in the living God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment." (1 Timothy 6:17, NLT)